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The Crown of Care

By Mr. C. B. Turrell.

The band seemed to contract on his head to expand, and he suffered the most excruciating pain. The soft velvet had soon ceased to be a protection and his forehead was galled and pressed and pierced by pain until he was almost frantic.

Finally he died and the crown that he, living, had been unable to remove was easily taken off by his son and successor. But strangest of all, to him the gems were as bright, the golden circlet as rich, and the velvet lining as soft as they had been to his father Azof, when he had first examined the crown. But the wonderful bauble was the same to all the descendents as it had been to Azof. It was light, and beautiful at first, but finally it crushed them under its heavy weight.

But, now the story is told, you ask; What of it? What does it mean? Do you know a single man who in the pursuit of wealth or power has disposed of his best years for labor, has deceived, has sold his friends and kindred, has deeded himself, body and soul, to the Devil for the purpose of attaining his ends? If you do know such an one, ask hem; he may, perchance tell you.

Every-man's Land has very broad limits. Some of King Azof's descendents may be your neighbors.

The Eub.

We are anxiously counting the days until the arrival of our teacher, Mr. James, who has been away from us for two or three months. He was suddenly taken sick and on the 28th of June left for England where he arrived safe. After regaining his health he set sail for California by way of Panama. We expect to see his ever pleasant face at the Grove about the latter part of this week or the begining of next. The day of his arrival will be a notable event in the history of Locust Grove. No doubt, a great many of the boys will go to the Station to greet him after so long an absence.

Last Sunday an unsuccessful attempt was made to put Tim and Tartar on the train at Schellville.

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In the August number of the *Mercury* there is a short story entitled "A Race for Life", which is quite good but copied. We think all papers of its size should contain origonal articles.

In one of our exchanges we note the cry against small papers. Now why not give them a chance as well as anyone? Look at tne *Sun* and *Horse Shoe* both are now of a respectable size, before being obout two by two inches. Give them a chance boys, and they will enlarge in time.

Among the Amateurettes on the fourth page the name of a new paper from Bloomfield, N. Y., reads *Critec*, but should be *Cricket*.

We acknowledge the receipt of a poem from a lady in England.

We also acknowledge two Christmas poems from the talented pen of *Theros*.

From appearance we think the *Boys' Delight* is gradually improving.

We see by the *Melange* that the *Bazoo Press* a paper published in '82 will be reissued at an early date under the management of Net Worthington and Walter Legler.

Smiles and Satire is a new publication from New York.

The last number of the *Fairy* is smaller than the previous issues.

The *National Exchange* is exceedingly good.

The *Original* is a new one from Evansville, Ind.

For reasons I do not wish to make public, I will have nothing more to do with the "Sundeam" at *Locust Grove*. I cannot truthfully say that anyone will take up my connection with it: if not this paper is a thing of the past.

C. F. Tilden.

LOCALS.

Ray, October 21 and 25.

Another pig slain yesterday. Did the butcher remember the warning of O. W. Holmes?

"If his sprite should walk at night
It better were for thee
That thou wert mouldring
In the ground or bleaching in the sea."

The Tilden girls are on another flying visit to the city.

We found Tim last night slumbering peacefully on our bed, with all our fancy-work, which we had left there for safe keeping, scattered around in wild profusion. We need not add that he did not slumber long very after being discovered.

The children had their usual Friday evening entertainment last night. The [illegible] Mother Goose's Melodies were sung and afterwards a game of forfeits indulged in. Margaret and Arturo will have to practice "my old chief and my old squaw" before attempting it before an audience again.

Howard Harron, formerly a scholar here, has come to spend his vacation at Locust Grove.

We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. Robert Hill and his friend Mr. Manlove on Sunday last:

The "Granada" brought more interesting letter from Iquique.

Miss Lillie Whitman of Oak Farm; is visiting Locust Grove.

The arrivals last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Schleiden, and son, Mr. and Mrs. Whittier, and daughter, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Torrence.

Miss Lilian Whitman is at work in Miss L's studio—And we are sure she will have something very pretty to show us in a few days.

SONOMA ITEMS

Index, October 20.

A good many strangers have visited town this week.

We learn that A. F. Haraszthy will make something over 250,000 gallons of wine this year. Mr. H. is one of our most enterprising winmakers.

Mr. A. F. Pauli came puffing into the editorial room of this office this week and deposited on our table what we first stpposed to be a very large rock, but on closer examination found it to be a potato. The mammoth was grown on the ranch of Capt. P. N. Stofen, is of the Peerless variety, and weighs just three ponnds.

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AMATEURETTES.

For a first number the *Dart*, from Oakland; is one of the best written and printed papers we have ever received, small but *good*.

The October number of the *Observer* is excellent.

The *Sun* is quite good.

We received No. 1; Vol. 2, of the *Laurel*, which is a neat sixteen column paper from Boston.

The *Semi Monthly* arrived as usual on time.

The *Adelphi*, from Frenchtown, N. J., contains an excellent item entitled' "Amateur Vs. Professional Journals."

We are glad to note the enlargement of the *Monthly Reporter*, from a two column paper to a three column.

The *Star*, *Item*, *Critec*, *Atom* and *Our Amateur*, are all new publications from Bloomfield, N. J. Send out some more Amateur Journals. Ye larger cities, don't stand by and let the little towns obtain all the honors.

The *New Moon* is another improvement, from a little "thumb-nail" sheet to the largest from 'Frisco.

Still another enlargement the *Amateur Emblem*. Keep it up Sammi.

Jonas, what meaneth thou; *Fact & Fancy* enlarged also?

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